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Barre - Aldrich Public Library, 30 Washington St.	18-Jan-10	Neighbor to Neighbor, Central VT Council on Aging	Seniors and community members of all ages will receive copies of Finnegans, Slaters and Stonepeppers, by Vincent E. Feeney. Reading groups are scheduled to talk about the book and the Irish experience in Vermont. Seniors in the Barre community and adults with disabilities are especially encouraged to participate and reflect on the city's multi-cultural heritage. The culminating event is at the Vermont History Center in Barre, with a presentation on the struggle for social justice that Vermonters with Irish heritage experienced. Martin Luther King's commitment to social justice for people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds will be part of this interactive program. N2N AmeriCorps members will coordinate transportation so seniors and individuals with a disability can attend this event. Refreshments with an Irish theme will be served. Volunteers and participants of all ages are welcome.	Marie MaDougall 802-476-2668, mmacdougall@cvcoa.org www.cvcoa.org
Brattleboro	18-Jan-10	Vermont Youth Development Corps, Vermont Youth Tomorrow	VYT, VYDC, and other area AmeriCorps will gather with youth for a day of service and celebration. Volunteers welcome. Come volunteer at the foodbank from 9am-12pm. At the end of the day, from 12pm-4pm there will be a Martin Luther King Day Celebration of the Arts at River Garden, involving an essay contest	Ruth rcpoland@gmail.com (802)-257-7967 x19 ---- Shambulia Gadsen Sams shambulia@youthservicesinc.org 257-0361 x216

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Brattleboro	18-Jan-10	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps Program	Youth from Westgate Housing and the Brattleboro Housing Authority will take part in a service project at Morningside Shelter. The project will consists of preparing a pancake breakfast, painting, donation shelf organizing, basement cleaning, etc. For the afternoon, the youth will move to main street, where a bake sale is planned, and there will be an essay contest and a open mic/talent show planned for all that wish to take part (Many more youth are expected to participate during that part of the day). A movie about Martin Luther King will be playing in the background. VHCB AmeriCorps members are collaborating with members of other AmeriCorps programs in Brattleboro.	Francis Sharpstene (802)828-3253
Bristol	18-Jan-10	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps Program	Members from the John Graham Emergency Shelter will be hosting a group of volunteers to spruce up new transitional housing in Bristol.	Francis Sharpstene (802)828-3253
Burlington	18-Jan-10	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps Program	Several AmeriCorps members in the Burlington area are planning to weatherize low-income homes in the Burlington area. The members have gathered donations for sealing windows and other basic weatherization details. The members will also gather in advance to make draft dodgers for the doorways of each unit they weatherize.	Francis Sharpstene (802)828-3253

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Burlington - Contois Auditorium, Burlington City Hall	18-Jan-10	CEDO's We All Belong AmeriCorps, Vermont Youth Development Corps, Vermont Youth Tomorrow, DREAM AmeriCorps Program	12pm, Monday, Jan. 18 — The MLK day of service in Burlington, beginning with welcome remarks at Burlington City Hall and registration for community service projects; the projects will take place from 12:45 to 4 p.m. A community art project will be held at City Hall from 4 to 5 p.m., followed by a community dinner and celebration from 5 to 7:30 p.m. 865-7168.	Community and Economic Development Office 865-7168
Castleton - Castleton Community Center	18-Jan-10	Neighbor to Neighbor, Southwestern Vt. Council on Aging, Girl Scouts	Join us as we honor the wisdom of Martin Luther King Jr. on his birthday. Come enjoy a meal, birthday cake, and a discussion of MLK's vision of service within our community. This will be an engaging and interactive program promoting his ideals in our lives today. Participants of all ages are welcome at this intergenerational event. Please call in advance to make a reservation for lunch.	Marilyn Sura, 802-786-5990, marymiller@svcoa.org www.svcoa.org

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Central Vermont	18-Jan-10	Vermont Youth Development Corps, Vermont Youth Tomorrow, and Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps Program	Central Vermont AmeriCorps members teamed up to organize multiple opportunities for community members to serve throughout Montpelier. Report to the Unitarian Church, where members are hosting a soup kitchen, to find a project for the day. Activities include: painting the Victorian room at the Rec Department, relocating the Senior Center which recently burnt, and serving at the VT Foodbank. Please wear clothing that you don't mind getting messy for painting and cleanup activities!	Tara 802.229.9151 vyt.vistaleader@gmail.com
Essex	18-Jan-10	Vermont Youth Development Corps & Vermont Youth Tomorrow	Multiple Service Activities: 12pm-5pm, Community Dinner at Essex High School: 6pm, \$5-10 suggested donation for those who could not serve, but would like to come to the community dinner. SIGN UP ONLINE at <a href="http://www.essexmlk.org">www.essexmlk.org</a>	<a href="http://www.essexmlk.org">www.essexmlk.org</a>
Franklin Grand Isle Book Mobile	18-Jan-10	Vermont Youth Development Corps & Vermont Youth Tomorrow	VYT and VYDC Members along with other local AmeriCorps will be assembling care packages for troops. Youth from their after school programs will attend and will write letters to the troops. Volunteers welcome to donate goods and assemble bags.	Erin Erinekilrain@gmail.com
Londonderry The Collaborative	18-Jan-10	Vermont Youth Development Corps, Vermont Youth Tomorrow	Members will be offering free childcare all day long!	Katrina kbusick@gmail.com

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Lyndonville - HOPE, Depot St.	18-Jan-10	Northeast Kingdom Initiative	Vollunteers will sort, clean, etc—please bring a canned good for the food shelf that HOPE facilitates. Activity begins at 12:30pm.	Anne Brown 802-626-6357 Anne.Brown@lyndonstate.edu
Lyndonville - Cobleigh Public Library, corner of Main and Depot	18-Jan-10	Northeast Kingdom Initiative	Pizza and video at Cobleigh Public Library, corner of Main and Depot, Lyndonville. Enjoy discussion and a short video “The Life and times of Rosa Parks” –the brave woman who refused to give up her seat on the bus –an event that launched the bus boycott in the 60’s. Event begins at 2pm.	Anne Brown 802-626-6357 Anne.Brown@lyndonstate.edu
Newport	18-Jan-10	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps Program	VHCB AmeriCorps members placed in the NorthEast Kingdom will team with other AmeriCorps/VISTA members to volunteer at the NEKCA (Northeast Kingdom Community Action) in Newport. Members plan to help at a thrift Store and a bakery (both part of NEKCA) sorting clothes, cleaning, moving things, etc.	Francis Sharpstene (802)828-3253
Rutland	18-Jan-10	Vermont Youth Development Corps & Vermont Youth Tomorrow	These two clubs are teaming up to create peace flags with the youth and will hold a sports tournament in the afternoon. Volunteers may help with both aspects.	Savannah Turner savannah.turner@gmail.com

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Rutland	18-Jan-10	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps Program	Members in the Rutland are will be promoting Angel Food Ministries for the day of service. Members have organized a tasting/education day for Angel Food Ministries to be held at the Roadside chapel on January 18th from 10 to 1:30. The members have also gathered educational material about MLK Day for attendees and planned kids' activities around MLK. The members have planned enough food and space for up to 115 people.	Francis Sharpstene (802)828-3253
St. Johnsbury - Colonial Senior Apartments, Church & Main St.	18-Jan-10	Neighbor to Neighbor AmeriCorps members at NE VT Agency on Aging & Northeast Kingdom Initiative	N2N AmeriCorps members are coordinating a restoration of the community room as Colonial Senior Apartments, with fresh paint, thorough cleaning, and new book shelves and furniture. Work crew is starting immediately. Jan. 18th is the grand opening event. Local author, Penny Patch, will talk about her experiences as a Freedom Rider, and a local blues musician will share his music and poetry. Themes for this event are diversity in the community and giving all people a sense of hope and dignity. Seniors, Recovery volunteers, homeless volunteers, are encouraged to participate. This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Participants of all ages are welcome.	Pat Heath 802 751-0432 pheath@nevaaa.org www.nevaaa.org

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Upper Valley Region	18-Jan-10	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps Program	VHCB AmeriCorps members in the upper valley are joining up to weatherize Upper Valley Homes. The AC Members plan to be joined by community volunteers to weatherize about 10 Twin Pines Housing Trust homes.	Francis Sharpstene (802)828-3253
Warren	18-Jan-10	Vermont Housing and Conservation Board AmeriCorps Program	VHCB Member at Yestermorrow will help work on the renovations of an existing farm house on the property run by the Vermont Food bank in Warren.	Francis Sharpstene (802)828-3253

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Winooski - Winooski Senior Center	18-Jan-10	Neighbor to Neighbor, Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	Seniors are frequently the recipients of community service projects and do not always get to provide community service to others. We wanted to offer seniors the opportunity to participate in a project that hopefully combines their abilities and their interests. Many seniors have experience with wartime, including family members involved in current military service. This project provides seniors with the opportunity to support our troops, sending needed and appreciated items along with their appreciation and caring. We are collaborating with seniors to collect items on the USO list, requested by our troops, making progress filling collection boxes at numerous stores and sites in Chittenden, Addison, Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. Seniors and AmeriCorps members will have a table set up at Shaws Supermarkets on the weekends to talk with shoppers and collect items. Sewing sessions for "Cool Ties" are underway at Care Partners in St. Albans, Addison Eagles Club in Vergennes, senior meal site at South Hero Congregational Church, and the Charlotte Senior Center. "Cool On MLK Day, seniors and community volunteers	Jack Quint 802-865-0360 Jack@cvvaa.org www.cvaa.org



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Winooski	18-Jan-10	Neighbor to Neighbor, Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	VHCB AmeriCops member at Winooski Valley Parks District will work with the Northeastern Family Institute (a non-profit helping at-risk youth to transition in and out of foster care) to design an environmental education curriculum that they can use on their own, in both urban and rural open spaces.	Francis Sharpstene (802)828-3253